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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. Mark Falk
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v.	:	Mag. No. 19-3647 (MF)
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MICHAEL CASTRO	:	<b><u>ORDER FOR A CONTINUANCE</u></b>

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Craig Carpenito, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Naazneen Khan, Assistant United States Attorney), and defendant Michael Castro (by David Holman, Esq.), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through February 29, 2020, to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter submitted to a grand jury within 30 days of the date of his arrest pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(b); and three prior continuances having been entered; and the defendant, through his attorney, having consented to the continuance; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) The parties seek additional time to engage in plea negotiations, which would render any grand jury proceedings and any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) The defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance;

(3) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources; and

(4) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 20 day of Dec, 2019;

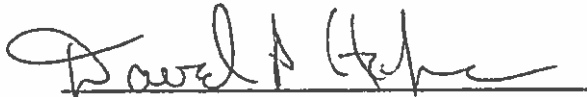
ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through February 29, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through February 29, 2020 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.



HONORABLE MARK FALK  
United States Magistrate Judge

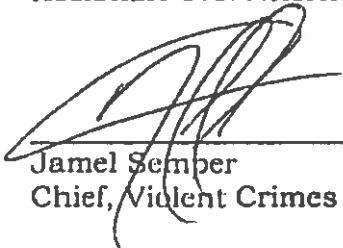
Form and entry consented to:



David Holman, Esq.  
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